

THE CHILDREN'S STORY TELLING CLUB

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Hello Everybody! Boys and girls—big members and little members! This is spring. Soon be garden planting time, won't it? How many of our club members are going to have gardens this year? It's lots of fun to have a really-true garden of one's very own. And, by the way, your editor is planning on having a really-true garden this summer—away out in the country, ever so many miles from these big cities. But—she'll have to hurry some, won't she? For she can't possibly reach her new home before April. Well, she will tell you all about it some of these days. Now for our letters. But—Dear me—I almost forgot that I promised to print the Missing Word poem with the correct words filled in—this week! So here it is:

THE MISSING WORD POEM

Little Mistress Ruby Lee, just passing
four YEARS old,
Rambled forth one sunny day her
BIDDY to behold.
And kneeling down she quickly poked
a SMALL and tangled head
Underneath the CORNER of a tumble-
down old shed.
Then Mrs. Biddy bridled and stood
upon her LEGS;
"Dear me," quoth Ruby smilingly,
"she wants to SHOW her eggs."
So Ruby ventured nearer; then plead-
ingly she SAID:
"Mrs. Hen please let me SEE your
prettiest nest and bed."
But Mrs. Biddy quickly gave a wrath-
ful CLUCK instead,
And pecked her little visitor upon her
tangled HEAD.
Then Mistress Ruby backed away with
quite a HASTY air.
"Dear me," quoth Ruby ruefully, she
tried to COMB my hair."

Now little folks, if any of you find
a mistake in this contest that will
effect the awarding of the prizes, just
write and tell me about it. REMEM-
BER that editors are quite liable to
make mistakes—especially when
MEASLES interfere with such a big
undertaking as the Missing Word
Contest. But your editor will be very
glad to correct all mistakes for she
wants every contest in the Children's
Story Telling Club to be conducted
FAIR. NOW—we will have our let-
ters. Our first one is a list of Missing
Words sent in by Zelma Porter of
Cedar Springs, Michigan. Here they are:

Dear Editor:—1, years; 2, biddy;
3, hand; 4, corner; 5, legs; 6, count;
7, said; 8, see; 9, peck; 10, head; 11,
frightened; 12, pull.

Zelma—You will receive your prize
in April. I hope you will write a nice
letter to the club some of these days.

Our second letter follows:

Dear Editor:—I am sending my list
of words for the Missing Word Con-
test. I read the stories and letters
every week. I saw Maxie Hull's letter
today. I am eight years old and in the
second grade. Here is my list:
1, years; 2, Biddy; 3, bright; 4, floor;
5, legs; 6, show; 7, said; 8, see; 9,
cluck; 10, head; 11, thoughtful or
frightened; 12, pull. There are my
guesses and I hope I will win the
first prize. Yours truly, Dorothy
Dolezal, Mancelona, Michigan.

Dorothy Dear—I notice that you
are one of the SECOND PRIZE win-
ners. You will receive your prize in
April. Our third letter is from Anna
Mahoney, McBain, Michigan.

Dear Editor:—I thought I would
try this contest and win a prize. I

have been reading the stories and let-
ters and would like to join the "Story
Telling Club." Please send me a
membership card. Here are the Miss-
ing Words: 1, years; 2, Biddy; 3, yel-
low; 4, boards; 5, feet; 6, show; 7,
said; 8, see; 9, quack; 10, he; 11,
frightened; 12, pull. I don't know
whether these are right or not. I hope
so. I will write again soon.

I am glad that you decided to win a
prize in this contest, Anna. The prizes
will all be sent out the first of April;
and so, of course you will have re-
ceived yours before you read this.
Now comes our fourth letter.

Dear Editor:—I read your letters
and stories and enjoy them very much.
I would like very much to join the
club. I have three sisters and two
brothers. Their names are: Ethel,
Mamie, Marvle, Morris and Eldon.
Ethel, Mamie and I go to school.
Ethel is lame and cannot go very
much in the winter. She had infantile
paralysis when she was two years old.
Now she is nine. I am eleven years
old and in the fifth grade. My teach-
er's name is Miss Munn. The stories
I like best are "Greyball" and "How
Mabel and Monty played Indian." My
birthday is the last of July. I like
Maxie's stories very much. I will
close now. I will send my letter with
Etta's. Your friend, Marie Taylor,
Mesick, Michigan.

Marie—I am very, very sorry that
I overlooked your letter. You see,
Dearie, I was awfully sick with the
measles when your letter came and I
was not able to read it. Of course,
it was taken care of, but when I got
well enough to read all my letters
there was so many that MISTAKES
were made sometimes. This is one
of the mistakes. I am sending you a
membership card and when you read
THIS you will know why you did not
receive one before. I hope you will
write again and often.

Dear Editor:—I was very surprised
to see my letter in the paper. I did
not get my card at all. I am going
to write a story this time. My story's
name will be:

THE GOLD AND SILVER AXE

By Etta Jensen.

Once there was a man and he was
very poor. He was by the river chop-
ping down a tree and his axe fell in
the river. He felt very sorry that he
lost his axe and he started home and
he met a man who said: "I thought
you was over by the river cutting
trees," and the man said: "My axe
fell in the river." Then the other
man said: "Come show me where
you lost it." And the poor man
went back and showed where he
lost it. All at once that other
man was gone. All at once
when he was looking down in the
water he saw a hand come up out of
the water and a voice said: "Is this
your axe?" And he said: "No, that
is not my axe." And a hand came up
and he heard a voice and it said: "Is
this your axe?" And the man said:
"No, it is not my axe." And the
hand came up again and the voice
said: "Is this your axe?" And he
said, "Yes." And the voice said: "You
may have all three because you told
the truth." He went home happy and
he saw a man and he said: "Where
did you get your nice axe?" and he
told him. And he went home and got
his axe and threw it in the water. And
he made an awful fuss. He met a
man and the man asked: "What is
the matter with you?" And he said
that he lost his axe in the river."

And the man said: "Come and show
me where." And they both went back
and the man showed him where he had
lost it. And that man disappeared,
and the man who had lost his axe
heard a voice and it said: "Is this
your axe?" And he said, "Yes." And
the axe was dropped down under the
water again. Again he heard a voice
and it said: "Is this your axe?" And
he said: "Yes, it is my axe." And it
was dropped down in the water. At
last his axe came up and the voice
said: "Is this your axe?" And he
said: "No, this is not my axe." And
he did not get even his own axe back.

I will have to close my story be-
cause it is so long. Here is a list of
the words that were missed: 1 Years
—2 Biddy—3 Little—4 Floor—5 Legs
—6 Hid—7 Said—8 Have—9 Fly—10
Head—11 Quick—12 Pull. From Etta
Jensen, Mesick, Michigan.

Thank you, Etta, for a very nice
story. I hope you received the mem-
bership card that I sent you as soon
as I received your letter (the letter
I have just printed, I mean). I am
sorry you did not receive a card when
you first joined our club. Your fail-
ure to receive one was due to a mis-
take, of course; and I want every little
boy and girl who writes to our club
to let me know PROMPTLY in case a
membership card is not received.

Dear Editor:—My name is Arline
Ferney. I am eleven years old. I
read the letters and stories in the
Children's Story Telling Club every
week and I should like to join it. I
have read the Missing Word Contest
and this is what I think the words
are: 3 Rough—4 Roof—5 Feet—6
Lay—7 Said—8 See—9 Look—10
Head—11 Wrathful—12 Pull. That is
all for this time. Yours truly, Arline
Ferney, Walla Walla, Washington.

Arline we are glad to welcome a
little Washington girl to our club. I
hope you received your membership
card all right. Write again.

Dear Editor:—The Missing Words
in the verses are as follows: 1 Years
—2 Biddy—3 Small—4 Shelter—5
Legs—6 Lay—7 Said—8 See—9 Jump
—10 Head—11 Haughty—12 Pull. If
I win the prize you will please send
me a book. I have not been late or
missed a day from school since I
started to school. My teacher's name
is Miss McRae. I am in the fifth
grade. My studies are: Arithmetic,
geography, spelling, language, physi-
ology, penmanship, reading, music
and drawing. I am eleven years old.
I have four sisters—They are: Ruth,
Lucile, Bess and Marie. I have four
brothers, too. They are Jack, Lloyd,
Ted and Harry. Please send a mem-
bership card to Dorothea Briggs, Elk
Rapids, Michigan.

You are a good writer, Dorothea,
and wrote a very interesting letter. I
sent you a membership card which I
hope you received. We shall be glad
to have you write again.

Dear Editor:—I have been reading
the Children's Story Telling Club. I
think it is very nice and I would like
to join it. I am a little girl nine years
old. I have two little brothers; one's
name is Ilia and the other Lynn. I
go to school every day. I have four
little pets—two kittens and one dog.
Their names are Nigger and Tiger
and Daisy, and I have a pet hen. I
hope my letter will be printed in the
paper. Yours truly, D. Thelma Graves,
Conklin, Mich.

Thelma Dear, I think I received a
second letter from you not long ago.
You were wondering, were you not,
why your letter had not been printed?
I will tell you why, girlie, because
each letter must wait its turn, and
we have so many to print that some-
times a letter must wait many weeks
before it's turn comes. But every let-
ter will be printed—DON'T FORGET
THAT.

Dear Editor:—I have been reading
the Children's Story Telling Club.
I like it very well, and I would like to

join your club. I am a little girl eight
years old. I have one sister and two
brothers. My sister's name is Alena,
and brothers names are Earl and
Charles. For pets I have a cat named
Susan and a dog named Watch, and a
white rabbit named Bunny. The story
that I like best is "The Return of
Greyball." If I see this in print I will
write again some time. Pearl Bleross,
Baldwin, Mich.

Thank you, Pearl, for a very nice
little letter. And you like "The Re-
turn of Greyball" the best! I am glad
you told me. I hope you received
your membership card, and of course
hope you will write again.

Dear Editor:—I have read your
stories in your papers. I am in the
fifth grade at school and eleven years
old. Here are the Missing Words of
the poem as nearly as I could guess
them: 1 Years—2 Biddy—3 Snarled
—4 Bottom—5 Legs—6 Hide—7 Said
—8 See—9 Squawk—10 Head—11
Doleful—12 Pull. Hoping to see this
in print, I am your friend, Helen
Loomis, Ionia, Michigan.

I am glad to print your letter, Helen
and hope you will write again. Did
you receive your membership card?

Dear Editor:—I have been reading
the Children's Story Telling Club and
would say I would like to join it. I
am a little girl eleven years old and
am in the seventh grade. My teach-
er's name is Miss Gane. I go to the
Buckley Grammar Room. I have a
tiger kitten named "Ball of Grey." She
is very playful. Hoping to see my
letter in print, I remain, Yours
truly, Vera Edgett, Buckley, Michi-
gan.

Your kitten's name is quite unusual,
Vera, and therefore interesting. Your
editor is guessing that you like to go
to school. Is she right?

Dear Editor:—1 Years—2 Biddy—
3 Small—4 Floor—5 Legs—6 Hide—
7 Said—8 See—9 Squawk—10 Head—
11 Frightened—12 Pull. Evelyn Wal-
brink, Ganges, Michigan.

Glad to have you in our contest,
Evelyn; won't you write a letter for
the club some of these days?

Dear Editor:—I would like to en-
ter into the contest. 1 Years—2 Bid-
dy—3 Stick—4 Roof—5 Feet—6 Lay
—7 Said—8 See—9 Cluck—10 Head—
11 Solemn—12 Comb. Hope this will
meet with your approval. Yours sin-
cerely, Erma Plummer, Douglas,
Michigan.

P. S.—Will you please send me a
membership card? I am pretty good
at writing stories.

I was certainly pleased to send you
a membership card, Erma Dear. I
hope you received it. You will receive
a prize in April so you can guess that
your list of words met with my ap-
proval.

Dear Editor:—I have been reading
your paper a long time. Marie Crow
was over this morning to see me. I
will send in for the doll. I will just
cut out and fill out the Missing Word
verse and send it to you. Well, will
close for this time. From your friend,
Mary Chapman, Dequene, Ark.

Our little friend, Ruby Edith Con-
verse, won the doll Mary Dear; but
you will receive a prize for the words
you sent in sometime in April. It will
be the fore part of April.

Dear Editor:—I have figured out
all the Missing Words and hope they
are all right. They are as follows: 1
Years—2 Biddy—3 Rough—4 Roof—
5 Feet—6 Show—7 Asked—8 See—
9 Chuck—10 Head—11 Sullen—12
Eat. Hope I will see my first letter
in the paper next week. Would be
glad if you got room for this one
Your little friend, Irene Coon, Ludlow,
Ill.

Your first letter was published some
time ago, I think. Irene, and I ex-
pect you have been looking for this
one too. But as each letter must wait
its turn sometimes the waiting seems
quite a while. This is all the room
we have this week. GOOD BYE.

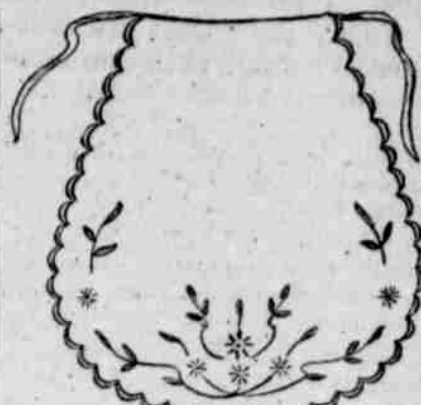
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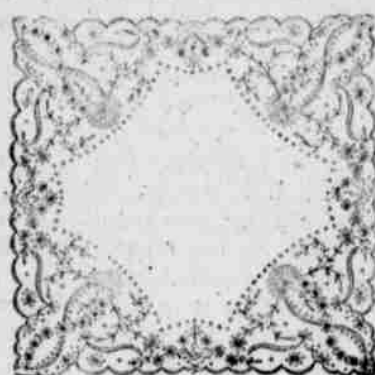
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regular drawing table, fastening the paper by
inserting thumb tacks at each corner. If you
have not a drawing table the design may be
fastened in a large pasteboard, or soft, smooth
board. Water colors, or crayons may be used
for the work. Each section you will note is
marked with a letter from the alphabet. Now
begin with letter A, all sections marked A,
color red; B, blue; C, brown; D, yellow; E,
green; F, black.

The drawings, when completed, may be
pasted on pasteboard, or in a scrap book for
keeping. Parents should encourage and help
their children to start. The little one will
find pleasure and enjoyment in coloring the
drawings. It is a good pastime, and educates
the child. The Editor of the department in-
vites correspondence and will gladly answer
questions on drawing, review work and offer
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